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CONVENE: 7:01 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Pete Kmet, Councilmembers Joan Cathey, Eileen Swarthout, Ed Hildreth, Nicole Hill, Debbie Sullivan, Tom Oliva, and Neil McClanahan.

Staff: City Administrator John Doan, City Attorney Karen Kirkpatrick, Parks and Recreation Director Chuck Denney, Public Works Director Jay Eaton, Police Chief John Stines, Assistant City Administrator Heidi Behrends-Cerniwey, Police Officer Charles Lett, and Recording Secretary Valerie Gow.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Item "I" on the consent agenda was pulled for discussion.

SPECIAL ITEMS:

**INTRODUCTION/
SWEARING IN OF
POLICE OFFICER
CHARLES LETT:** Police Chief Stines introduced Police Officer Charles Lett as the City's newest police officer. Police Chief Stines administered the oath of office to Charles Lett.

Officer Lett recently graduated from the Police Academy after five months of intensive instruction. He is currently undergoing field training, which is anticipated to span a 14-week period. Officer Lett is a graduate of North Thurston High School.

Mayor Kmet and the Council welcomed Officer Lett to the City.

PUBLIC COMMENT: **Pamela Hanson**, referred to her attendance at the Council worksession on June 16 and the importance of seeking input from existing businesses with respect to the Tumwater Craft Brewing & Distilling Center proposal, as the proposal will impact existing businesses. The summary lacks any information about wages. She stressed the need for thorough public comment opportunities. She spoke of downtown Olympia during her tenure as a security officer and guard and the lack of sustainable wages. In Tumwater, a person needs twice the amount of rent in income to qualify for apartment housing. To qualify for a one bedroom apartment, a person must make \$2,062.50, which is difficult to achieve when earning a minimum wage. She displayed a printed marketing piece for the Tumwater Craft Brewing & Distilling Center proposal and indicated she doesn't believe it was a smart use of money. Contributions for clarifying and studying issues should be pursued. She questioned the connection between food science and brewing beer. Law enforcement

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and emergency services should have input on the design, as the proposal would have a fiscal impact on emergency services. She suggested the City should reconsider the proposal because the Tumwater Brewery is no longer in existence and although it was an important feature in the City, it has since disappeared. She suggested the University of Washington and South Puget Sound Community College (SPSCC) should be considering the balance sheet with respect to the proposal. The City should consider what funds it anticipates spending for the project, as it appears \$200,000 is referenced as a contribution from a state Senator. She doesn't believe the center would contribute to the sustainability of downtown Tumwater and that more options should be considered without a substantial investment of time and money. She quoted some passages written by Abraham Lincoln addressing the Cooper Institute in New York City on February 27, 1860.

Robert Ziesemer, 855 Liberty Lane, shared that he was recently discharged from the military having served eight years. He is surprised at how much the City has grown since he left. He expressed concerns about the extent of panhandling occurring in the City. As a former military member, he's very hyper-vigilant and doesn't like people walking up to his car. The City should be addressing the issue, as the behavior is unacceptable. He acknowledged that many veterans in the area are uncomfortable with being approached and it could result in an unfortunate incident because of today's reality.

Mayor Kmet acknowledged community-wide concerns about the increase in panhandling activity over the last several years. The City updated ordinances to improve enforcement efforts to address panhandling issues. However, there are limits in terms of enforcement options when a person is standing in the public right-of-way, especially if the person is not interfering with traffic, motorists, or pedestrians or acting aggressively. He acknowledged the concern, as well as conveying why the issue is so challenging for the City.

Mr. Ziesemer said that many of the panhandlers are entering the roadway seeking money. He acknowledged the difficulty of ticketing someone for violating the ordinance when an officer hasn't witnessed the infraction. He suggested the City should consider providing human service scholarships to improve their quality of life by removing them from the street. Sending them to another area for treatment could be an option because it's clearly a societal and mental health issue, and many of the individuals need some help.

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Mayor Kmet addressed Ms. Hanson's concerns surrounding the Craft Brewery and Distilling Center proposal. Many discussions have been underway with brewing and distilling businesses throughout the state. The City is receiving enthusiastic response to the proposal. The center provides an important opportunity to the City and could serve as a catalyst to revitalize the Brewery District. The proposal includes some public investment and partnerships with the University of Washington and SPSCC, as well as others. The food connection is to the agriculture community for grains to brew and distill.

**CONSENT
CALENDAR:**

- a. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting, July 7, 2015
- b. Payment of Vouchers
- c. Ordinance No. O2015-005, Astound Broadband Master Permit
- d. Acceptance of Work –Tumwater City Hall Police Expansion & Renovation
- e. Recommendations to Award Contract – “E” Street Outfall Improvement Project
- f. Recommendation to Award Contract – “E” Street/Deschutes Parkway
- g. Professional Services Agreement – Water Rights Acquisition
- h. Interlocal Purchasing Agreement – Houston-Galveston Area Council
- i. T Street Park Completion – Service Provider Agreement – *Pulled*
- j. Interlocal Radio Service Agreement with Thurston County

MOTION:

Councilmember Sullivan moved, seconded by Councilmember Hill, to approve the consent calendar as amended. Motion carried.

Mayor Kmet reviewed the items approved on the consent calendar.

**COUNCIL
CONSIDERATIONS:**

**T STREET PARK
COMPLETION –
SERVICE
PROVIDER
AGREEMENT:**

Councilmember Cathey questioned the fiscal note and the notation that the cost could also include eventual project costs. Director Denney responded that the project includes a substantial amount of contingency of approximately \$48,000 in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

Mayor Kmet added that the total project cost is estimated at \$348,000. The request is for approval of the design of the project, which creates a plan for bidding and construction. The construction cost is

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estimated to be \$300,000.

Director Denney explained that the conceptual design was completed during the original design of the park during LOTT Clean Water Alliance's project and its contribution to the park. To complete the park design, additional specifics for many elements are necessary prior to construction of the park. The Council approves each element of the project.

Councilmember Cathey commented on the confusion associated with the source of park funding as much of the project cost is funded by park impact fees while maintenance of parks is from another pool of funds. Director Denney affirmed park impact fees can only be used to fund growth-related projects and cannot be used for maintenance, repair, or staffing of existing parks.

Mayor Kmet clarified that park impact fees are provided by new development for the construction of new parks to serve new developments. Existing parks are maintained by funds in the Capital Facilities Plan (CFP).

MOTION: **Councilmember Cathey moved, seconded by Councilmember Swarthout, to authorize the Mayor to sign a Service Provider Agreement with Robert Droll. Motion carried unanimously.**

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

PUBLIC SAFETY: There was no meeting and no report.

**GENERAL
GOVERNMENT:** The next meeting is on Tuesday, July 28 at 11 a.m.

PUBLIC WORKS: The committee reviewed and recommended approval for many of the items approved on the consent calendar.

**BUDGET AND
FINANCE:** There was no meeting and no report.

Mayor Kmet reported on correspondence received from Rob Cavanaugh that was addressed to the City of Lacey regarding concerns about the protection of trees during construction of a development. He requested a copy of the City's tree protection

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ordinance and the City's procedures for protecting trees during development activities.

**MAYOR/CITY
ADMINISTRATOR'S
REPORT:**

Mayor Kmet reported on his attendance to the naming dedication ceremony of the Virgil Clarkson Senior Center in Lacey. The event was attended by over 500 people in honor of Lacey City Councilmember Virgil Clarkson. Councilmember Clarkson shared many stories during the event.

Mayor Kmet met with Thurston County regarding the jail system and potential cost savings for operation of the facility.

City Administrator Doan announced the 'Screen on the Green' movie series beginning August 7 at the Tumwater Golf Course. A movie is offered each Friday evening through August. Movie night sponsors include OBee Credit Union, Lacey Capital Chehalis Collision, Northstar Church, and Tumwater Area Chamber of Commerce. Toyota of Olympia is sponsoring the entire program.

**COUNCILMEMBER
REPORTS:**

Neil McClanahan:

Councilmember McClanahan reported on upcoming scheduled meetings. Thurston County HOME Consortium is planning a retreat. The Thurston County Housing Task Force and Thurston Thrives recently held a joint meeting to discuss cooperation and collaboration to meet community human services funding needs. A subcommittee of the Thurston County HOME Consortium – HCAC (HOME Consortium Assisted Committee) recently met to discuss service provider needs. Major funding entities within Thurston County allocate up to \$5 million annually to help meet community human service needs. Ongoing discussions between the various funding entities are an effort to combine those funding efforts under one umbrella.

Councilmember Cathey noted that Thurston County HOME Consortium provides state and federal funding while the Community Investment Partnership (CIP) distributes local funds contributed by local jurisdictions and United Way totaling approximately \$600,000 annually. Because homelessness and affordable housing is so important, the goal is combining resources to collectively benefit the region.

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Tom Oliva: During the recent Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) retreat, members identified five issues of regional importance. Additional information about the retreat will be provided to the Council. TRPC's August meeting is cancelled and the September meeting has been rescheduled to September 11.

The LOTT Clean Water Alliance Board received a presentation on the status of the Total Maximum Daily Loading (TMDL) Study for the Deschutes River.

Councilmember Oliva reported on his and Mayor Kmet's attendance to the picnic celebrating Stream Team's 25 years of service to the community.

Debbie Sullivan: The Authority is preparing for its August retreat to review long-term financial needs and future options. The Authority is not anticipating increasing bus fares in 2015. The Authority reviews the fare structure every three years.

Nicole Hill: At the last Thurston Thrives meeting, members discussed the proposal for consolidating housing issues, as well as including the alignment of transportation infrastructure and social services within the proposal. Thurston Thrives continues to work on the ongoing formation of the Board and membership. Members discussed including representatives from Lacey and Tumwater. Currently, Olympia City Council has two representatives with one Councilmember serving as a business representative and the second serving as the Council representative. The applications process for the At-large representative is scheduled for announcement throughout the region. Tumwater citizens are encouraged to apply for the position. Work continues on developing a job description for the Thurston Thrives Coordinator. Funding received from a foundation will fund a part-time coordinator for Thurston Thrives.

Ed Hildreth: The nominating committee of the Olympia-Lacey-Tumwater Visitor and Convention Bureau (VCB) met and narrowed the list of 50 applicants to seven candidates. Next steps include finalizing a list of three candidates during a series of interviews.

Eileen Swarthout: The Thurston County Law and Justice Council received a presentation by the county's Department of Corrections concerning a \$750,000 grant to implement the HOPE model that has been utilized in Hawaii. The grant affords training to correction officers. The effort includes a

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study in partnership with Washington State University to document the effectiveness of the program. Additionally, Leslie Owen from the Northwest Justice Project presented information on the impact created when a person loses their driver's license. The group is working with local jurisdictions to help people mitigate their fines to enable reinstatement of their driver license. The goal is implementing a statewide program because many people have incurred fines from multiple jurisdictions.

Joan Cathey:

CIP members reviewed the grant process to include feedback on suggestions and some of the difficulties encountered during the recent grant-making process. Should the CIP continue its independent funding process, some of the suggestions and recommendations evolving around the panels will be considered in terms of conflicts of interest and potential partnerships to increase the funds and/or the process to ensure transparency.

The Solid Waste Advisory Committee continues to work on the region's strategic waste plan. The committee received notification that the Consolidated Prevention grant was reduced by half by the Legislature. Staff submitted a revised work plan and budget to accommodate the reduction in funds. The grant focuses on reducing food waste throughout Thurston County by assisting local food banks and meal programs through the provision of needed equipment and infrastructure. Other efforts to redirect surplus edible foods from stores and restaurants will not be possible if the nonprofits do not have the capacity to accept the food. Changes in the work program allocate some funds to continue the program.

The City of Lacey City Council upheld the Thurston County bag ban. The committee recommended hiring an independent surveyor to complete the survey on the county-wide bag ban.

Councilmember Cathey complimented the Mayor on the letter sent to the City of Mubende, Uganda regarding the sister city relationship and stressing the City's value system for inclusiveness and caring of its citizens.

ADJOURNMENT: **With there being no further business, Mayor Kmet adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.**